

President.—The answer is the "most suitable". That does not say why others were not suitable. This has no reflection upon the others.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—It is stated that she is the most suitable nurse. Now, we find a junior selected, when senior nurses are available. Is it not a reflection upon the other nurses That is the object of putting this question.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I wanted only one nurse, to assist the Surgeon in charge of the operation theatre. I selected this one. I am satisfied with the one now.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it not a fact that raw nurses are by turns to do so? Then, with reference to the answer to sub-division (b), I ask who are these volunteer nurses?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Nursing Sisters.

The posting of Medical Officers.

51. Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there is any rule or understanding in the Government regarding the posting of Medical Officers for any particular period in one and the same place, and if there is, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of such an order;

(b) whether the Government is not aware that there are many Medical Officers who fall under the exemption to this rule; if so, who are they; and why are they allowed to be so;

(c) whether the fact has not been brought to the notice of the Government during the last budget session;

(d) what the Government propose to do in such cases?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Yes. A copy of the order is appended. (*Vide Appendix VIII.*)

(b) The rule is not absolute, and it has been found inexpedient to apply it in the case of all Medical Officers. A statement showing the names of Medical Officers who have been more than 3 years in the same place is appended. (*Vide Appendix IX.*)

(c) Some of the Members might have referred to the subject.

(d) *Vide answer to (b.).*

Dr. A. R. Menon.—You say in Appendix VIII :— "The Government consider that it would be a wholesome rule, if Medical Officers below the rank of a Civil Surgeon are not ordinarily allowed to remain in a place for more than three years at a time. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is requested to see that periodical transfers are suggested accordingly."

Have you re-considered this question for the last 8 months?
Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—There was no necessity for it. "The rule is not absolute".

Dr. A. R. Menon.—On reading Appendix VIII, I do not know, Sir, what is meant by that "the rule is not absolute." and with my imperfect knowledge of language, I could not find why it is not absolute. No loophole is left here.

President.—There are exceptions to every rule.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Exceptions should not bulge out more than the rule. There should be a proportion in these matters. I cannot understand certain cases, for example, Mr. Raman Menon. There are certain other people attached to the General Hospital, Ernakulam. I ask another question. Have you gone through the list? You will find that certain people are retained in one and the same dispensary in the same place. It is so with Mr. Joseph, an Assistant Surgeon in the General Hospital, Ernakulam.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—He has been in the General Hospital for the last 4 or 5 years.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I may correct you; it is about 7 years.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not exactly remember. I think it is 4 or 5 years.

President.—Why is it that his case has not been suggested to the Government for transfer?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I had already asked the Government to transfer him. Every one of the Assistant Surgeons of the Moffussil Hospitals represented to me that they would consider it a hardship to work in the General Hospital, because the work is heavy here, and the cost of living high. They also find it difficult to supplement their pay by private practice. As a result of all these, they do not agree. Further, they are doing their work well there. And here is a man who is willing to stay.

The supply of medicines.

52. Dr. A. R. Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state why was the supply of medicines changed from Messrs. Ferris & Co. to Messrs. Dadha & Co.;

(b) what was the annual amount paid in the shape of customs duty on purchase from Messrs. Ferris & Co.;

(c) how are the tinctures supplied now; excluding the supply of tinctures, how do the prices of Messrs. Ferris & Co. compare with those of Messrs. Dadha & Co.?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) Vide answer to question 119 of the legislative session of 1101.

APPENDIX VIII.

*(Vide Answer to Question No. 51.)**Diwan's Proceedings Dis. No. 248/R/99, dated 28th March 1924,
(Local and Miscellaneous Department.)*

Government consider that it would be a wholesome rule if Medical Officers below the rank of a Civil Surgeon are not ordinarily allowed to remain in a place for more than three years at a time. The Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer is requested to see that periodical transfers are suggested accordingly.

APPENDIX IX.

*(Vide Answer to Question No. 51.)**List of Medical Officers who have been more than three years
in a place at a time.***Palace Dispensary, Trippunittura.**

Sub-Assistant Surgeon M. Raman Menon

The General Hospital, Ernakulam.

Assistant Surgeon M. Joseph Ittoop

Sub-Assistant Surgeon C. P. Raman

Sub-Assistant Surgeon P. Narayana Menon

Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mrs. Salem.

Kandakkadavu Dispensary.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon P. George Joseph

Women's Hospital, Mattancheri.

Assistant Surgeon Mrs. Kohlhoff

Sub-Assistant Surgeon Mrs. T. Francis

Sub-Assistant Surgeon U. Pappu Ammal

Chowwara Dispensary.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon C. P. Iype

Civil Hospital, Trichur.

Assistant Surgeon C. L. Joseph

Maternity Hospital, Trichur.

Assistant Surgeon Miss G. M. D'Souza

Sub-Assistant Surgeon P. Gouri Amma

Kunnamkulam Hospital.

Assistant Surgeon A. Babu Rao

Kolinjampara Dispensary.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon P. Kunjan Nayar

Lunatic Asylum, Trichur.

Sub-Assistant Surgeon P. M. Krishnan.

APPENDIX X.

(Vide Answer to Question No. 54.)

**Applicants for the vacancy of the Assistant
Surgeon's post.**

Messrs.

1. C. K. Krishna Menon, L. M. & S.
2. Khushi Ram Mehra, M. B., B. S.
3. Thomas Philip, M. B., B. S.
4. T. Gopala Menon, M. B., B. S.
5. T. V. Mathew, B. A., M. B., B. S.